



## CHAIR

Wayne Thorburne

## VICE-CHAIR

Scott McLean

## REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Valda Walsh

## REGIONAL FINANCE

Diana Gibson

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Angela Taylor

Region of West Hants: Scott McLean

Chester: Andre Veinotte

Mahone Bay: Richard Nowe

Lunenburg: Ed Halverson

Bridgewater: Wayne Thorburne

Lunenburg (MD): Michelle Greek

Region of Queens: Jack Fancy

Lockeport: Cory Nickerson

Shelburne: Rick Davis

Shelburne (MD): Ron Coole

Barrington: Andrea Mood-Nickerson

Clark's Harbour: Louann Link

## Times of change

WELCOME!! ...to our new board. Three return; Scott McLean, Rick Davis and Luann Link, three move from the back seat to the driver's seat; Wayne Thorburne, Jack Fancy and Richard Nowe, and one is being repurposed (was here before and back again); Andre Veinotte. The balance of the committee is new to us and new to municipal politics altogether; Ed Halverson, Cory Nickerson, Andrea Mood-Nickerson, Michelle Greek and Ron Coole. This creates the perfect setting for a dynamic board.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the committee elected a new Chair and Vice Chair. Wayne Thorburne and Scott McLean will help guide our team through the next term and be our voice on provincial matters (such as EPR for packaging) with the coordinator.

Another change is the parting of our Regional Coordinator, Valda Walsh. Valda has anchored our committee for 20 years and is moving on to join her husband's company. She is with us until March 31 to mentor in her replacement.



How much do you know about the municipal role in solid waste management? As a municipality in this area, did you know that collection, processing, educating and enforcement of waste from your residents (and some businesses) runs about 15% of your municipal budget? Region 6 has put together a look into solid waste for orienting new councillors and seasoned councillors alike. We invite you to reach out to Angela Taylor [Angela.Taylor@Region6SWM.ca](mailto:Angela.Taylor@Region6SWM.ca) to align a tour of your waste sites or to a council meeting to answer your questions.

As your experts in solid waste, please reach out to help you better understand solid waste in your neighborhood, within the region, and across Nova Scotia. You will be amazed at how much there is to learn!

## Budget Highlights

The Budget for 2021-22 was presented to the committee for a total of **\$913,830**. Although this amount is up from F2021 the main difference is in the money going through Region 6 for our member units. There is an increase expected in the diversion credits. Likewise, the revenues over expenditures forecasted for March 31, 2021 are anticipated to be at \$3,886 even though we will have higher operating costs from January to March transitioning in a new coordinator.

Each member unit will receive the budget with a covering letter requesting a council motion to approve the budget by March 14, 2021. Valda is available to attend - virtually, of course - any council sessions that would like to receive a review of the budget details. The full report shared with your elected Region 6 representative also has a great description of all the funds and how it benefits you municipally.

Each member unit is billed based on percent population for the amount of our budget that cannot be earned through grants or program funds with our partners. That amount is decreased in F2022 (to 0.80 per capita vs 0.88 per capita in F2021). It costs member units \$0.80 to belong to Region 6 but they get \$9.66 in return (*2.15 of this is in-kind*).

## Region 6 Benchmark

In March 2020, Region 6 hosted a workshop that provided some valuable focus for our team. Over the next year, we are conducting all our work with the focus on three key areas:

- Develop Region 6 information and best practices
- Increase public education and promote consumer responsibility; and
- Seek and make recommendation for cost sharing opportunities in service delivery

We have developed several tools and continue to work on others. It has been proven that working together is the best way to be more efficient and effective in solid waste operations. Ask us how we can help you.

Enclosed is our HOLIDAY WASTE TIPS - feel free to copy ideas, share the entire page or contact us to help you have a wasteless holiday



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



If you have something waste-wise that you want to share please send it along to [Angela.Taylor@Region6SWM.ca](mailto:Angela.Taylor@Region6SWM.ca) and we would be happy to add it to our Boardroom Brief.